

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, All Races, Males- United States, 2002\*

Rank	Age Group in Years													
	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	65-74	75-84	85 +	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 36.5%	Unintentional injuries 42.3%	Unintentional injuries 39.8%	Unintentional injuries 50.6%	Unintentional injuries 44.3%	Unintentional injuries 33.5%	Unintentional injuries 20.9%	Heart disease 25.3%	Cancer 33.8%	Heart disease 31.8%	Cancer 33.8%	Heart disease 31.2%	Heart disease 35.8%	Heart disease 28.4%
2	Birth defects 10.0%	Cancer 17.5%	Cancer 12.1%	Homicide 16.3%	Homicide 19.7%	Suicide 14.4%	Heart disease 16.7%	Cancer 23.4%	Heart disease 29.0%	Cancer 25.0%	Heart disease 29.0%	Cancer 25.3%	Cancer 15.3%	Cancer 24.1%
3	Homicide 8.3%	Birth defects 5.8%	Suicide 7.9%	Suicide 13.0%	Suicide 14.8%	Homicide 12.8%	Cancer 12.3%	Unintentional injuries 9.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.1%	Stroke 8.1%	Unintentional injuries 5.8%
4	Cancer 7.7%	Homicide 3.8%	Homicide 5.3%	Cancer 4.3%	Cancer 4.1%	Heart disease 7.4%	Suicide 9.2%	Chronic liver disease 4.9%	Unintentional injuries 3.8%	Stroke 6.5%	Stroke 4.7%	Stroke 6.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.5%	Stroke 5.2%
5	Heart disease 3.1%	Heart disease 2.4%	Birth defects 4.6%	Heart disease 2.8%	Heart disease 2.8%	Cancer 6.5%	HIV disease 7.3%	Suicide 4.5%	Diabetes 3.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.1%	Diabetes 3.6%	Diabetes 3.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 5.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.1%
6	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Septicemia 1.5%	Heart disease 4.0%	Birth defects 1.5%	Birth defects 0.9%	HIV disease 4.1%	Homicide 4.1%	HIV disease 3.2%	Stroke 3.6%	Diabetes 2.9%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.9%	Alzheimer's disease 3.5%	Diabetes 2.9%
7	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 0.7%	HIV disease 0.5%	Diabetes 1.3%	Chronic liver disease 3.6%	Stroke 3.0%	Chronic liver disease 2.8%	Alzheimer's disease 2.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.1%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%
8	Septicemia 1.5%	Benign neoplasms 1.3%	Stroke 1.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.4%	Stroke 0.5%	(8)Stroke 1.0%	Diabetes 2.3%	Diabetes 3.0%	Suicide 1.9%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Kidney disease 1.6%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Diabetes 2.1%	Suicide 2.1%
9	Perinatal conditions 1.4%	Stroke 0.9%	Benign neoplasms 1.1%	Stroke 0.3%	Diabetes 0.5%	(8)Birth defects 1.0%	Stroke 2.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.7%	Kidney disease 1.2%	Kidney disease 2.0%	Chronic liver disease 1.3%	Unintentional injuries 1.9%	Unintentional injuries 2.1%	Kidney disease 1.6%
10	(10) Benign neoplasms 1.1%  (10)Stroke 1.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.9%	Septicemia 1.0%	Diabetes 0.3%	Legal intervention 0.4%	Chronic liver disease 0.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.9%	Viral hepatitis 1.6%	Septicemia 1.2%	Septicemia 1.4%	Septicemia 1.3%	Septicemia 1.5%	Pneumonitis 1.7%	Chronic liver disease 1.5%

\*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings. The race groups, white, black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Some terms have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. See the next page for a listing of the shortened terms in the table and their unabridged equivalents. To learn more, including the leading causes of death by age and race/ethnicity, visit *Deaths: Leading Causes for 2002* at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr53/nvsr53\\_17.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr53/nvsr53_17.pdf) (HHS, CDC, NCHS).

## **Shortened Terms and Unabridged Equivalents for Leading Causes of Death**

**Due to limited space, some terms in the leading causes of death table have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. Below is a listing of the shortened terms used in the table and their unabridged equivalents used in the report.**

### **SHORTENED TERMS**

**Benign neoplasms**  
**Bronchitis**  
**Cancer**  
**Chronic liver disease**  
**Birth defects**  
**Diabetes**  
**Heart disease**  
**HIV disease**  
**Homicide**  
**Hypertension**  
**Kidney disease**  
**Medical & surgical care complications**  
**Perinatal conditions**  
**Pneumonitis**  
**Stroke**  
**Suicide**  
**Unintentional injuries**

### **UNABRIDGED TERMS**

In situ neoplasms, benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior  
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis  
Malignant neoplasms  
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis  
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities  
Diabetes mellitus  
Diseases of heart  
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease  
Assault (homicide)  
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease  
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis  
Complications of medical and surgical care  
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period  
Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids  
Cerebrovascular diseases  
Intentional self-harm  
Accidents (unintentional injuries)